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Dear Br. Phelps

I perceive fr. + date of your last letter th. it is now just 3 months since you devoted a few moments to communion with me. I was much obliged to you for th. long expected letter. I am really ashamed th. I have not testified my gratitude more promptly. How rapid is + flight of time. I was not aware th. even 2 months have passed since I last heard fr. you. As for myself &c. I find my hands full of business, without being + steward of a family, or spending time in sweet converse with a charming wife. I am not yet much "entangled with + affairs of this life". If I need *pardoning* for this circumstance, I hope you + your dear *Spouse* will grant me abundant pardon. My health is good, with + exception of a side ache occasionally. 40 have joined my ch. at + *2 last* sacramental seasons. Perhaps 20 more may be expected at + *2 next*. My house of worship is full to overflowing. We have a new recruit of singers, a large choir took their seats last Sab., & almost filled + galleries. The land is purchased for my new meeting house, at 800 dollars; + materials are collecting, + house will probably be raised about + first of May, & be completed in Oct.r. Mr May, my Unitarian coadjutor, seems to endeavor as much as possible to "transform himself into an angel of light". The state of Brooklyn requires him to be amazingly orthodox, (i.e) as near evangelical, as possible in appearance. I make him some trouble. When I hold meetings in a certain part of + town, he tho' fear of his flock who attend my meetings, "follows suit." I usually have a 3rd service on + Sab.; so he has commenced giving a course of Sab. eve.g lectures. However he has poor success in his labors. "The conies are a feeble folk". I enjoy myself well amidst my labors here; have a number of my old college & seminary friends settling around me. Sam.l Rockwell, a classmate in college, has just accepted a call at Plainfield, 8 miles S.E. fr. me. He will probably be ordained on + 2nd week in April. Br. Dickenson your classmate in College, & ours in + Sem.y, is to be ordained in Norwich on + first Wednesday in April. Dr Hawes & Dr Taylor will probbly be present. Dr Taylor is expected to preach.

Dickenson wishes me to give him + right hand on + occasion. Cowles of N. Haven Sem^{y}, who was with us there 2 classes in + rear, is to be ordained in Woodstock, about 12 miles north of me, about + first of April. I have no less than about 9 college & Sem^{y} acquaintances within 12 or 20 miles of me. All + vacancies in this region are now filled with + exception of 2 or 3 not very desirable places. Several changes of inhabitants are to take place in this town in Ap^{l}, favorable to orthodoxy. Jenkins, my Falmouth friend, has come in town, & settled down in Mercantile business by + side of me. He will make a pillar in + ch. & Soc. Several orthodox families are to come into town soon. Seaver of Mendon, with another young married man fr. + same place, is to come in Ap set up a baking establishment here. I understand by th. you have ~~[illegible]~~ asked a dismission fr. Hopkinton. I hope you will not leave + ch. now in this impor^{t} crisis; but will stay at least & see them fairly under way as a new establishment. You will have a large charge, when + radicals desert you, or eject you fr. + Meeting house. It must be delightful among so many Materials, to enlarge & rear up a glorious fabric of orthodoxy. "Dont give up + Ship." Wm Porter has taken + School in Dudley where

Francis is settled. Lawton has left t school in Dudley & gone where Porter was in Munson. Isaac Porter called on me during his last vacation. He is studying medicine in New Haven. Eldridge of N. H. Sem.y, is about to be settled in Norfolk in May. Rev. Mr Merwin late of N. H., has lately been installed in Wilton Ct. out, west of N. H. in Fairfield Co. Wm Whittlesey has lately been in S. Brookfield He wrote me fr. there. Where he is now I know not. He seems rather anxious get settled. Write me soon. Present my kind regards to your Mother & Miss Phelps. How does Lee flourish? ~~[illegible]~~ Is he married? Remember me affectionately to Baldwin & Lee if you see them soon. Write me all t news fr. my friends around you, & fr. t region

Yours with much regard G. J. Tillotson

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